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"The commitment to the machinery of war has created a far-flung intelligence-gathering organization, the Central Intelligence Agency. Originally limited to securing information on foreign subversive and military activities, this agency has spiralled in influence and function. No longer simply an intelligence agency, the CIA has exercised a policy-making function. Removed from public control, surveillance, and knowledge, its actions have proliferated; it is reputed to have between fifteen thousand and forty thousand employees and to spend between \$400 million and \$700 million a year. It has subsidized or directed revolutions, provoked labor strikes abroad, and compromised the independence of American professional and private organizations. Committed to the continuance of the Cold War, this agency has colored the intelligence it has passed on, thus restricting the Administration's options and alternative approaches to international problems. The CIA justified its subsidization of the National Student Association and other private organizations on the grounds that Congress never would have funded these programs knowingly. This explanation sounds harmless enough, but the CIA used the NSA as a means of recruiting agents, and it warned students not to take anti-Vietnam positions publicly. Through its secrecy and stealth the CIA has partially subverted the democratic process."